

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)  
Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

## TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT # 9 0700 Hours 3 September 2006

*New Information in Bold Italics*

### SUMMARY

*The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Hurricane Readiness Level 5, Response Operations condition. Efforts now focus on damage assessments and meeting immediate assistance needs.*

### EXECUTIVE ACTION

**EOC Activation:** The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring National Weather Service and River Forecast Center forecasts, coordinating conference calls, and producing Situation Reports.

**VDEM Priorities:** Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and emergency workers; coordinate an efficient and effective state response effort; manage an aggressive response to request for assistance; and keep stakeholders and the public informed.

### STATE OF EMERGENCY

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 31, 2006, in preparation for Tropical Storm Ernesto.

**Protective Actions:**

**Local Activation of EOC:**

***City of Richmond – Closed 2 September @ 2400***

***New Kent County – Closed 1 September @ 2100***

City of Hampton – 1 September @ 0800

Chesterfield County – 1 September @ 0600

***York County – 1 September @ 0700 – Day Operations Only***

***City of Poquoson – Closed 2 September***

Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1030

Stafford County – 1 September @ 2100

Gloucester County – 1 September @ 0800

Middlesex County – 1 September

**Local State of Emergency Declared**

York County – 1 September @ 0900

City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 0900

City of Richmond – 1 September @ 1130

***City of Newport News – 1 September @ 1200***

Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1230

Lancaster County – 1 September @ 1200

Accomack County – 1 September @ 1200

Northampton County – 1 September @ 1400

Richmond County – 1 September @ 1830

Middlesex County – 1 September @ 1600

Gloucester County – 1 September @ 1200

Mathews County – 1 September @ 1215

**Local Activation of Shelters:**

York County/Poquoson – 1 shelter open, 0 occupants

***City of Richmond – 1 shelter open, 13 occupants***

Northumberland County – 1 shelter open, 15 occupants

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## ***Lancaster County – Closed 2 September***

Middlesex County – 1 shelter open, 0 occupants

## ***Gloucester County – Closed 2 September***

City of Newport News – 1 shelter open, 30 occupants

Mathews County – 1 shelter open, 0 occupants

## **Adjacent Jurisdictions:**

North Carolina Declared a State of Emergency

The District of Columbia Declared a State of Emergency

West Virginia Declared a State of Emergency.

**ESF 15 – External Affairs:** Distributing press releases and fielding media inquiries. Joint Information Center (JIC) is operational.

## **WEATHER FORECAST**

**Sunday 3 September Hazardous Weather:** The flood warning continues for the Blackwater River until further notice. The Blackwater River flood stage is at 12.0 feet. At 1800 Hours on 2 September the stage was at 13.8 feet. The Blackwater River will continue to rise to nearly 16.7 feet by noon Monday then begin to fall. This river level is comparable to a previous crest of 16.8 feet on Sep 22 2003. Waters in the Chesapeake Bay and Tidal Potomac are receding. No further flooding is expected.

**Sunday 3 September:** Partly cloudy, with a high of 77 to 82. Calm winds between 0 and 6 mph.

**Sunday Night:** A slight chance of showers after midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm. 20% chance of precipitation in the Western portion of the Commonwealth.

## **OPERATIONS SECTION**

**ESF 5 – Emergency Management:** Regional Conference Calls for localities and National Weather Service were held daily Wednesday 30 August through Saturday 2 September. A Conference Call with State Agencies was conducted daily Wednesday, 30 August through Saturday 2 September. On Sunday 3 September Regional Conference Calls for localities are scheduled as follows: VDEM Regions 1 and 5 – 1000 hours.

**STATE WARNING POINT:** Monitoring National Hurricane Center and local National Weather Service advisories.

**LOCAL LIAISON:** There have been a total of **10** requests from localities for assistance.

<b>Request</b>	<b>Locality</b>	<b>Status</b>
Debris removal equipment	Town of Chincoteague	<b><i>Complete</i></b>
Radio communications repair	Powhatan County	<b><i>Complete</i></b>
Phone/radio communications repair	Middlesex County	<b><i>In Progress</i></b>
High-water vehicles for evacuation	Gloucester County	<b><i>Complete</i></b>
“John boats” for evacuation	Lancaster County	<b><i>Complete</i></b>
Water storage/distribution equipment	Hanover County	<b><i>Withdrawn</i></b>
Long-term housing	Newport News	<b><i>In Progress</i></b>
Bottled water	Northumberland County	<b><i>Completed</i></b>
Shelter staff	City of Richmond	<b><i>In Progress</i></b>
<b><i>Water Pumps</i></b>	<b><i>City of Richmond</i></b>	<b><i>In Progress</i></b>
IDA teams	Gloucester County	<b><i>Trained Persons on Standby</i></b>

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## EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

**ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services:** 11 personnel from VA-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Norfolk VA, deployed to Atlanta, GA and 21 have been placed on standby by FEMA/NDMS. ***Power restored to the Newport News Health Department at 2230 Hours 1 September.*** The Office of Chief Medical Examiner states that 4 deaths are confirmed to be directly related to storm events. Acting Director of the City of Richmond's Health Department has declared Battery Park a health hazard.

**ESF 9 – Search & Rescue:** 1 CAP aircraft equipped with Satellite Digital Imagery System (SDIS) was deployed 2 September. City of Roanoke has a Type II Swiftwater Rescue Team (6-person) on standby to assist requesting agencies. Four Salem personnel would deploy with the City of Roanoke.

## INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

**ESF 1 – Transportation:** *As of 0530 hours 3 September, VDOT reports 2 primary roads and 56 secondary roads are closed or under repair due to flooding or washout*

**ESF 12 – Energy:** *Virginia Dominion Power has reported a total of approximately 338,000 customers without power throughout the incident. A total of 66,993 customers are currently without power as of 3 September @ 0530 Hours, a breakdown of significant regions is as follows: Southeast Virginia – 14,362, Northern Virginia – 2,124, Richmond/Tri-Cities – 21,824, Gloucester/Northern Neck – 28,291. Electric Cooperatives report 6,500 customers without power as of 2 September at 1400 hours.*

**ESF 13 – Public Safety:** *Virginia National Guard Personnel and equipment in Richmond and Winchester returned to quarters at 1930 hours September 2. Assets in Norfolk (Hampton Roads) are still active. 31 Guardsman went through Damage Assessment Training from VDEM 2 September and are ready to assist local governments with damage assessment if required.*

## LOGISTICS SECTION

**ESF 7 – Resource Support:** Standing by to coordinate federal identification and establishment of Mobilization Center and Staging Areas for commodities. FEMA has pre-positioned 90 trailers in VA. VDEM is mapping potential points of distribution and awaiting additional input from localities.

## RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

### Initial Damage Assessment Report:

Locality	Private	Public*
<b>Accomack County</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>	<b>\$350,000*</b>
Amelia County	N/A	\$10,000*
<b>Arlington County</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$2,000*</b>
Brunswick County	N/A	\$2,000*
Caroline County	\$9,000	\$76,200*
Charles City County	N/A	\$50,000*
Chesterfield County	\$100,000	\$22,000*
Chincoteague, Town of	\$254,000	\$111,500
<b>Colonial Heights, City of</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Dinwiddie County	N/A	\$100,000*
Essex County	N/A	\$75,000*
<b>Fairfax County</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$70,000*</b>
Franklin County	N/A	\$75,000*
Goochland County	N/A	\$2,000*
Greensville County	N/A	\$25,000*

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Hampton City	\$176,000	N/A
Hanover County	N/A	\$2,000*
Henrico County	N/A	\$10,000*
Henry County	\$30,000	N/A
Isle of Wight County	N/A	\$150,000*
James City County	\$150,000	\$450,000*
King George County	\$1,000,000	\$320,000
King William County	N/A	\$75,000*
Lancaster County	N/A	\$200,000*
<b>Loudoun County</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$35,000*</b>
Lunenburg County	N/A	\$10,000*
<b>Mathews County</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Mecklenburg County	N/A	\$2,000*
<b>Middlesex County</b>	<b>\$1,750,002</b>	<b>\$300,000*</b>
<b>New Kent County</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$55,700*</b>
Newport News, City of	\$4,072,000	N/A
Northampton County	N/A	\$75,000*
<b>Northumberland County</b>	<b>\$34,895,000</b>	<b>\$580,000*</b>
Nottoway County	N/A	\$5,000*
Poquoson, City of	\$925,000	\$79,500
Powhatan County	\$100,000	\$8,000*
Prince George County	N/A	\$15,000*
<b>Prince William County</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$40,000*</b>
Richmond County	N/A	\$100,000*
Southampton County	N/A	\$75,000*
Surry County	N/A	\$100,000*
Sussex County	N/A	\$50,000*
Westmoreland County	N/A	\$175,000*
York County	\$515,000	\$1,060,000*
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,100,002</b>	<b>\$4,942,900.00</b>

*\*includes VDOT estimates*

### FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION

**Finance:** Damage Assessment teams on standby for IA and PA.

### PLANNING SECTION

**Planning:** Monitor and review incoming situational status and damage assessment. Distribute Situation Report, Conference Call Minutes, and Incident Action Plan.

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